

14 July 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : The Principles Governing the Exercise and Delegation of Authority

1. I appreciate your difficulty in, as you think, butchering your excellent paper on authorities. However, I also appreciate Colonel White's feelings that recognizing the position and background of the Director, it would be difficult if not impossible to get his signature on an Agency regulation which was essentially nothing more than an order.
2. I am going to try to give you some ideas on how this paper might be written in order to get the Director's signature, and I feel very definitely that his signature rather than the Deputy Director (Administration) for him is necessary to give full force and effect to those things which we wish to say.
3. For instance, paragraphs A and B could be eliminated from the regulation but be made part of an accompanying explanatory notice; subparagraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph C likewise. However, subparagraph (3) of C might well be part of the regulation, but the verb "may" should be changed to "shall." In fact, the sentence probably should read "Delegated authorities shall be redelegated only when specific authorization for redelegation is granted." Subparagraph (4) of C could go in the notice. Principles of Delegation could go in the notice. Paragraph E with some slight revision (for instance, substitute shall for should) could go in the notice. Paragraphs F, G and H should go in the regulation, with perhaps the explanatory subparagraphs again going in the notice.
4. I suggest you make an attempt at such further revision, recognizing that my comments in the second paragraph of my memorandum dated 23 June 1952 still obtain.

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